

Missionary Data Sheet



Who:

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Where:

Gateway is one of the larger and more well established crisis pregnancy centers in the State. They operate two facilities, one in Irvington, NJ at 960 Springfield Avenue and the second in Elizabeth, NJ at 65 Jefferson Avenue. The Elizabeth facility was originally established as Archway Pregnancy Center. It was merged into Gateway in 1998. Volunteer counselors staff the centers. Mrs. Joan Vitale, Associate Director, assists Rev. Gavaris, Executive Director. The centers are given oversight by a volunteer Board of Directors, chaired by the Rev. Michael Westbrook. Rev. Westbrook is a former leader in the Multicultural and Urban ministry of Young Life International and now director of Greater Life ministries in Newark, NJ.

What:

As Executive Director of the Gateway Pregnancy Centers, Rev. Dean Gavaris is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the centers. Gateway is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ through His church. Therefore, Gateway, embodied in its volunteers, is committed to presenting the gospel of our Lord to women in crisis – both in work and in deed. Commensurate with this purpose, those who labor as Gateway Directors, volunteers or Board members are expected to show evidence of being born again and must be attending a Bible-believing church.

Gateway is committed to assisting pregnant women to carry their babies to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance. Through the provision of God's people and the community at large, women may face the future with hope and plan constructively for themselves and their babies. Gateway is committed to providing pregnant clients with accurate and complete information about both prenatal development and abortion. They never advise, provide or refer for abortion or abortifacients.

Gateway does not engage in contraceptive counseling or in referring for contraceptives or contraceptive services. They recognize the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion, but are not biased toward adoption when compared to other life-saving alternatives. They are independent of any adoption agencies, receive no payment from them and will not enter into contractual relationships with them.

Gateway is committed to creating awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women and of the fact that abortion only compounds human need rather than resolving it. Gateway offers assistance free of charge at all times.

Gateway offers pregnancy tests – free and confidential, on-site free limited sonography as medically indicated (at the Elizabeth facility), education about alternatives to abortion, accurate abortion information, abstinence education and presentations, medical and housing referrals, parenting counseling, men's support, and counseling after an abortion. Through their internet site (www.gateway.org) Gateway counsels approximately 300 women yearly, offering advice, referrals to Christian ministries and research links to better inform men and women in matters related to pregnancy.

Gateway is not a medical facility, nor is it part of any governmental organization. Gateway is an IRS tax-exempt 501C-3 corporation.



Personal Data:

Dean Gavaris makes his home in Union, NJ with his wife, Lorena, and their teenage son, Jeremy. He attended Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY and holds an Associates degree in Business Administration from Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY. He is a graduate of Northeastern Bible College, Essex Fells, NJ with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Literature. Dean has taken numerous courses in counseling and was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1993 at Clinton Hill Baptist Church, (now Crossroads Christian Fellowship), in Union, NJ.

From 1986 to 1990, he was the Executive Director of Archway Pregnancy Center, Elizabeth, NJ. In 1991, he founded Gateway Pregnancy Center, Irvington, NJ. Archway merged into Gateway in 1998. Dean serves as Executive Director of the combined centers.

Dean is recipient of the Ermy Clardy Craven Award, from the Life Education and Resource Network, the largest African-American evangelical pro-life association in America. In 1997, he received the Guardian of Life Award from the New Jersey State Right to Life. He preaches regularly from the Scriptures on the sanctity of human life in churches throughout northern New Jersey, shares about chastity with church youth, and addresses men's breakfasts, church senior groups, etc.

Evangel Baptist Church, Springfield, NJ is his home church, where he has served on the Board of Elders, preached, taught and led various committees.



Current Prayer Items and Needs:

Primary in the need of any a pregnancy center is more individuals to support the work with their prayers and their giving. Volunteers are the next greatest need. No one can be a volunteer without being trained. A commitment of at least 6-months is required, along with the evidence of salvation and growth in Christ. Training classes are held three to four times a year and comprise of an intense 18 hours of lecture, discussions, role-play and viewing of videos used in counseling. Both male and female volunteers are needed. Only males counsel males, and only females counsel females.

The addition of a sonogram machine was an example of the Lord' supply. Currently there is a need for two to three nurses to be trained to operate the state of the art ultrasound equipment. Training is free and a one-year commitment is requested.

There is always a need for newborn baby items (sleepwear, outfits, blankets, diapers, lotion, etc). We are requesting only NEW items, except for slightly used small cribs or port-a-cribs, infant cars seats, umbrella type strollers No maternity wear is needed.

Prayer is paramount. Pray for the abortionists that operate in New Jersey. Pray that they will come to Jesus. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that" Gateway posts on its internet site (www.gateway.org) a clear Statement of Non-Violence along with their Statement of Faith and Principles.

Pray for the current women seen by Gateway, that they will:

- Make a personal commitment to Jesus for salvation
- Carry their babies to term
- Live responsibly and abstain from pre-marital sex

Pray for past clients, who have accepted Jesus, that they will continue growing in their faith.

Pray for the fathers and other family members to be supportive of the mothers desire to carry the baby to term.

Pray for the church, that she will see the need to both love in word and deed.

Pray for a continuing and increasing support base for Gateway, that Jesus may be glorified.

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